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Paul C. HERSHEY et al.

Application No. 09/748,336

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METHOD FOR THE SYNCHRONI-
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MULTIPLEXED PAYLOADS OVER
A TELECOMMUNICATIONS
NETWORK

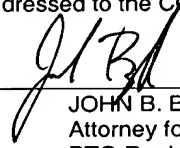
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to taking up the above-identified patent application for action on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

Before the Field of the Invention, insert the following:

RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a continuation of application Ser. No. 09/017,131, entitled
"SYSTEM AND ASSOCIATED METHOD FOR THE SYNCHRONIZATION AND
CONTROL OF MULTIPLEXED PAYLOADS OVER A TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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